



Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council Meeting

AGENDA

January 13, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

9:00am – 9:15am	Introductions	Keith Boylan, CalVet
9:15am – 9:20am	Council Format and Guidelines	Jamie Jones/Josh Zebley, CalVet
9:20am – 9:25am	CalVet Update	Keith Boylan, CalVet
9:25am – 9:35am	Legislation update	John Spangler, CalVet
9:35am – 9:45am	Department of General Services Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS) Update• OSDS Outreach Events	Anda Draghici, DGS
9:45am – 9:55am	Request for Response <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022-year end review	Daniel Bates, CalVet
9:55am – 10:00am	Closing	Discussion

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

- Keith Boylan, Council Co-Chair, CalVet Deputy Secretary
- Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner, Council Co-Chair, VIB Network
- Cole Woodman, Council member, VIB Network
- Bobby McDonald, Council member, OC Black Chamber

- Traci Cole, Council member, SoCal VBOC
- Chad Hodges, council member, HSB Solutions Inc.
- Keli Benham-Anthis, council member, NorCal VBOC
- John Spangler, CalVet Deputy Secretary
- Roberto Herrera, CalVet
- Jamie Jones, CalVet
- Josh Zebley, CalVet
- Daniel Bates, CalVet
- Anda Draghici, DGS
- Demeshia Swanson, DGS
- Matthew Zweier, DGS
- Teresa Macias-Ruiz, DGS

Call to Order, Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner 9:03

Council Introductions

- Council members, CalVet staff, and DGS staff introductions

CalVet Update

Keith Boylan

- Welcomes the new council members and Rebecca for taking the responsibility of the Co-Chair role
- Veterans cemetery feasibility survey for Orange County will start in the spring of 2023
 - Gypsy Canyon site
 - Result
 - USDA grant to build the fourth State veterans cemetery in California
- Veterans Support for Self-Reliance (VSSR) program
 - 3-year pilot program to provide additional supportive services to veterans in permanent supportive housing
 - Funding for housing and mental health
 - The grants have been processed
 - 19 million in the first round
- California vet health initiative funding for mental health programs
 - Governor's requested 2022
 - 50 Million dollars to CalVet to develop a network of mental health providers throughout the State to assist veterans
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Council Format and Guidelines

Josh Zebley

- Reviewed Council guidelines and responsibilities for new members
 - 6 meetings a year
 - Council members or alternates must attend the meetings
 - Closed meeting
 - Council is not a policy writing council, it is an advisory council to CalVet Secretary
 - Create taskforces regarding concerns from DVBE's

Legislation Update

John Spangler

- January started the new 2-year legislative session
- SB 73, Senator Kelly Seyarto
 - Veterans Preference Bill for private employer
 - This will give veterans preference during the hiring process for qualified individuals
- New Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Consultant, Jenny Callison
 - Active late January 2023

DGS

Anda Draghici

- 17 upcoming outreach events from January 2023 to February 2023
- 17,000 certified businesses
- 1,700 certified DVBE's
 - 83% are also Small Business certified
- Gross Annual Receipts January 1st, 2023
 - Small Business for the purpose of public works
 - Increased from 37 to 38 Million
 - Small Business
 - Remained at 16 Million
 - Micro Business
 - Remained at 5 Million
- 19 active cases for Small Business and DVBE program abuse
 - 5 firms are on suspension list and are unable to conduct business with the State
- 42 reciprocity partners accepting the Small Business or DVBE certification, or both throughout the state
 - List on DGS website
- Small Business and DVBE regulation package in routing
 - With Department of Finance for approval
 - Once approved it will move to the Office of Administrative Law for adoption
 - Next quarter of 2023
 - This incorporates AB 1574, SB 588, AB 230, AB 3065
- AB 1574 policy implementation released November 2022
 - Requiring departments to conduct business with multiple certified businesses
 - Expand on their pool of bidders
- AB 2019
 - Certified firms can now identify if they are a diverse company
 - Minority, Women, LGBTQ, Disabled
 - Available in FI\$Cal
 - 25% Small Business goal is now law and a requirement for departments
- AB 2974
 - Requires setting 25% Small Business participation goals on the Federal Infrastructure Funds (Infrastructure and Investment Job Act)
- Economic Impact Assessment Study

- Looking for a firm to conduct this assessment for the Small Business and DVBE program
- Last study completed in 2009
- OSDS is growing
 - Two new units
 - Technical in-depth SB/DVBE training unit
 - SB/DVBE Advocacy training unit

Request for Response

Daniel Bates

- 2021
 - 180 Survey responses
 - 32 companies referred to DGS for certification
- 2022
 - 188 Survey responses
 - 142 companies referred to DGS for certification
 - This is combining other outreach efforts from DVBE unit
- Provided DVBE information, Certification process and requirements, veterans benefits, Entrepreneurship information, and contracting with the state information

Adjournment

Rebecca Aguilera-Gardiner, 9:59am, Cole Woodman Second